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## REBELS TO PUSH THEIR CAMPAIGN

### Carranza Replies To Mediators' Request For Armistice

**He Names Two Peace Envoys—Desires To Be Represented At The Mediation Conference, But In The Mean-time He Says He Proposes To Complete The Conquest Of Northern Mexico—Would Give Huerta No Advantage**

El Paso, Tex., May 4.—Constitutionalists in Mexico will not remain inactive while the A B C alliance mediation board is arranging for peace in Mexico. This was stated emphatically by General Carranza, in a reply to the request of the mediators that hostilities be suspended pending the adjustment of the Mexican situation.

Carranza takes the position that it would be giving Huerta too great an advantage for the rebels to let matters rest just when they have every opportunity for making the conquest of northern Mexico complete. Carranza wishes representation at the meetings and as representatives to the mediation conference he has named Rafael Zubaran Capmany, minister of government in the Constitutionalists' cabinet, and Luis Cabreria, one of Carranza's confidential advisers.

General Carranza in his reply said: "I again direct myself to you for the purpose of answering your respectful message relative to an armistice, calling your attention to the fact that the international conflict with the United States was intentionally provoked by Huerta, and for the solution of which I hurriedly accepted in principle only the good offices of Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and which acts are independent of our internal strife for liberty and law. I consider it inconvenient for the Constitutionalists' cause that I represent to suspend hostilities and military movements, because said suspension would only accrue to the benefit of Huerta in the civil war now going on in Mexico between the usurper Huerta and the Constitutionalists army under my command. That is to say, the sovereign citizenship is in arms with all activity to re-establish as soon as possible the constitutional order which will produce peace. By virtue of the above, I state to you that I can not accept the armistice which you propose."

#### HUERTA NEARING THE END

Washington Expecting to Hear of the Dictator's Downfall.

Washington, May 4.—Information received in Washington within the last 24 hours has strengthened the belief that Huerta's day in Mexico is rapidly drawing to a close. Officials here are confident that the utter collapse of the dictator's power will come within a few days. They would not be surprised to hear of his resignation at any moment. The continued victories of the Constitutionalists and uprisings in Mexico City itself are expected to bring about Huerta's downfall.

Washington was alive with rumors of an impending change in Mexico City, and although no official information was given out on the subject, it was apparent the administration had reason to credit them. One of the reports that reached Washington from Mexico City through unofficial sources was that Huerta was about to signify his intention to resign provided he would be assured of safe conduct from the country.

#### PLAINT OF REFUGEES

Bay Valuable Property at Tampico Is at the Mercy of Mexicans.

Washington, May 4.—It was announced by telegraphic advices from Galveston that a committee representing the 3,000 American refugees is coming to Washington to inquire what the government intends to do in regard to Tampico. A telegram from an American business man now at Galveston, who has big concerns at

Tampico and was taken from that port with the refugees, reached Washington. It sharply criticises the attitude of this government, and alleges that Americans have been driven from their homes and that millions of dollars' worth of American property has been abandoned to the mercy of the Mexicans.

**Body of American Recovered.**  
Laredo, Tex., May 4.—The body of Porfirio Lauret, an American ranchman, who disappeared last November, was recovered from a grave near Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Lauret had been arrested by Mexican federalists, who persistently denied reports of his execution, and until the body was exhumed the mystery of the Texan's absence was unexplained.

**Sails With Bodies of Marines.**  
Vera Cruz, May 4.—The armored cruiser Montana sailed for New York with the bodies of the marines and sailors who were killed after the American troops landed here two weeks ago. All the bodies will be taken to New York, whence they will be shipped to the homes of the dead heroes.

#### BRADLEY A. FISKE

Rear Admiral Is a Member of Navy and Joint Boards.



Photo by American Press Association.

#### BIG BATTLE IMMINENT

Federals Strongly Fortifying Saltillo to Resist Villa's Men.

Chihuahua, Mexico, May 4.—Federals are strongly fortifying Saltillo and preparing to make a desperate stand against the rebel forces of General Villa. Advices from the front say that 1,800 federal reinforcements have reported to Saltillo, bringing the strength of the federal garrison there up to more than 12,000 men.

The rebel advance against Saltillo has become general. General Villa began entraining troops at Torreon for San Pedro de las Colonias. As the railroad line between San Pedro and Monterrey is still out of commission, the forces sent to San Pedro

## PHOTO OF UNCLE SAM'S JACKIES DEFENDING CHIEF GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN VERA CRUZ



GUARDING CITY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Vera Cruz, May 4.—The American forces here established a headquarters at the government building after capturing the city. The illustration shows a detachment of sailors with rifles and a machine gun defending the building from an attack by Mexican infantry.

will march overland from that point to Monterey and thence to Saltillo. Villa has 18,000 men to send against Saltillo, and practically the whole force now is moving to the attack. It is stated by rebel leaders that General Villa will devote his whole attention to Saltillo, leaving the Tampico situation to Generals Gonzales and Villareal.

## CONSULATE SACKED AND FLAGS BURNED

**Americans Forced to Flee From Manzanillo.**

Washington, May 4.—American Consul Stadden of Manzanillo, who arrived at San Diego, Cal., aboard the German steamer Marie with 259 refugees, reported to the state department that Mexicans on the day of his departure had taken American flags from the consulate, trampled upon them and burned them. He and his fellow Americans had been given 48 hours to leave Mexico dating from noon April 22.

Adolph Steff, the Norwegian consul at Manzanillo, was forced to flee to save his life and boarded the Marie as a refugee, after placing the archives of the consulate on the steamer Leonora, a Mexican vessel, but owned in San Francisco.

Consul Stadden said that the treatment given the Americans was "horrible." Had it not been for the good offices of the British and German consuls, he said, many Americans in the Colima district would have been "slaughtered."

**American Physician Pardoned.**  
Chihuahua, Mexico, May 4.—Manuel Chao, governor of Chihuahua, has granted an unconditional pardon to Dr. Carlos S. Harle, the Abilene, Tex., physician who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Chihuahua penitentiary in connection with a life insurance swindle, in which Harle and two others were alleged to have conspired to cause the death of two men to secure \$25,000 on an insurance policy in the New York Life insurance company.

#### Germans Protect American Refugees.

Vera Cruz, May 4.—W. W. Canada, the United States consul here, says he understands that German marines have been landed at Acapulco, where the anti-American sentiment is very strong. The German sailors escorted American refugees to the German warship in the port, whence they will be transferred to an American vessel later on.

**American Wounded Recovering.**  
Washington, May 4.—Admiral Badger reported that the 55 wounded at Vera Cruz are all doing well.

**Mexican Steamer Blown Up.**  
Washington, May 4.—It is reported that the Mexican steamer Luella was blown up in the harbor at Manzanillo by a mine which was intended for the Raleigh.

## FOUR ARRESTS MADE FOR ELECTION FRAUDS

New York, May 4.—Evidence of ballot box stuffing by both Democratic and Republican election officers, which was dug up by District Attorney Whitman and his assistant, William A. De Ford, resulted in the arrest of four election officials of the Sixth election district of the Twelfth assembly district, of which Charles F. Murphy is the Tammany leader. Warrants are out for two more men in connection with the same election district. The men arrested were

charged with neglect of duty in failing to perform an act required by the election law. The arrests were based on indictments handed down by an additional grand jury which has been investigating the alleged frauds.

Admiral Peary declares there is a great deal of work remaining to be done in the arctic regions. But the European emigrants continue to purchase passage tickets to the United States instead of to Greenland.

## HERRICK IN RACE FOR U. S. SENATOR

Columbus, O., May 4.—Myron T. Herrick, ambassador to France and governor of Ohio 10 years ago, is to seek the Republican nomination for United States senator to succeed Theodore Burton, according to announcement made here by his friends. They

say that Herrick will return to Ohio on a leave of absence within the next two weeks and make formal announcement. State leaders are interested in the prospects of Mr. Herrick entering the race. Herrick petitions will be circulated this week.

## 4 ARRESTS IN FIRE PROBE

Canton, O., May 4.—Four men, giving the names of Ross Mallott, Charles H. Seely, Patrick Rafferty and Frank Seely, were arrested here in connection with the investigation of the incendiary fire which caused \$100,000 loss to the J. H. McLain Manufacturing company's plant. Mallott is a member of the molders' union, which called a strike on the McLain plant a month ago.

## NEWMAN A CANDIDATE

Columbus, O., May 4.—John Henry Newman, state librarian for the last three years, will become a candidate for the nomination as Democratic candidate for secretary of state. Mr. Newman's opponent will be J. H. Seely, member of the state liquor licensing board. Newman was the Democratic candidate six years ago.

## TO VOTE ON CHARTER

Columbus, O., May 4.—With the prospect of a very tight vote, Columbus will tomorrow vote on a new charter, which, if adopted, will take effect Jan. 1, 1916. The charter, drawn under the home rule provision of the state constitution as amended two years ago, provides a modified federal plan of city government, the commission-manager plan having been rejected.

## BOOTLEGGER FINED \$500

Ashtabula, O., May 4.—Lewis G. Tubbs was fined \$500 and costs in police court here for selling liquor contrary to the Rose liquor law. This is Tubbs' second offense. On the first offense he was fined \$200 and costs.

Many a man gets the better of an argument without necessarily proving he is right.

## GENERAL SICKLES CALLED BY DEATH

Last of Great Civil War Commanders Passes Away.

HAD BEEN AILING FOR MONTHS

Warrior and Statesman Dies in the Presence of His Wife, From Whom He Had Long Been Estranged. Sketch of the Man Credited With Having Saved the Day at the Battle of Gettysburg.

New York, May 4.—Major General Daniel E. Sickles died last night at his home in Fifth avenue. He had been quite ill since March, when he suffered a hemorrhage. A week ago last Thursday there was another hemorrhage and the aged general was confined to his bed. Mrs. Sickles and her son, George Stanton Sickles, moved into the house a week ago last Tuesday and while they are regretful, it is understood a reconciliation was effected.

There was a marked change in the general's condition Sunday and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon he began to stir. The last rites of the Roman Catholic church had been administered by the Rev. Father Ayard of St. Joseph's church. He died at 9:30 o'clock.

General Sickles was born in this city Oct. 26, 1820. He was the last of the great commanders of the civil war. He led his men in battle with consummate bravery and distinction. At the last he turned the tide at Gettysburg and earned a soldier's immortality.

He was a congressman when the civil war began, and responded to Lincoln's first call for volunteers. In 1862 Sickles, with 1,000 picked men, defeated the outposts of General Longstreet's army at Stafford's Court-house. In November of 1862 he was made a major general of volunteers and had command of the Third corps at Chancellorsville.

General Sickles commanded the Union left at Gettysburg. His capture of Peach Orchard Ridge checked Longstreet's forces from working their way into the rear of the Union army. Many men were killed at Peach Orchard Ridge. This portion of the battlefield was called the "bloody angle." Sickles' knee was shattered by a shell during the engagement, the leg being amputated the same night.

#### Killed Wife's Betrayer.

General Sickles had just begun his second term as congressman in 1869 when the national capital was stirred by the news that the young representative from New York had shot and killed Philip Barton Key, attorney for the District of Columbia. Sickles declared that Key had misled Mrs. Sickles, who was Theresa Pugioli, daughter of an Italian music teacher. The trial lasted 20 days, ending in the acquittal of Sickles on the ground of "unwritten law." He then took his erring wife back. Mrs. Sickles died of a broken heart a few years later.

In 1869 Sickles was appointed minister to Spain by President Grant.

At the court of Spain, Sickles' vigorous personality made him a dominating figure. Four years of brilliant diplomacy brought him the epithet of "The Yankee King of Spain." Here he contracted his second marriage, with the beautiful and distinguished Senorita Creagh. This romance was followed by an estrangement which was to last more than a quarter of a century.

#### TO THE POINT

The Toledo & Ohio Central laid off indefinitely 100 men in the car repair department at Bucyrus, O.

Licentiate Estaba Ruise has been appointed minister of foreign affairs in the Huerta cabinet, to succeed Porfirio y Rojas, retired.

State liquor license board said the police census taken at Cleveland was not such a census as could be recognized under the law, and the number of saloons fixed last fall would remain the number for the license year ending next November.

#### Minuteness of Molecules.

Molecules are so minute that there are about a sextillion of them in a cubic inch of air. These at freezing temperature oscillate back and forth at the rate of 1,470 feet a second. The average length of their path between oscillations is about one two-hundred and seventy-seven thousandth of an inch. Each comes into collision with its fellows about 5,000,000 times a second.

## SEEKING THE SCALP

Of The Governor Of Colorado

Talk of Impeachment Heard In Denver on All Sides.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES

Entire Membership of Company A, Colorado National Guard, Facing Courtmartial and Civil Trial For the Killing of Women and Children. Militia, Mine Guards and Miners To Be Disarmed.

Denver, Colo., May 4.—With the entire membership of Company A, Colorado National Guard, facing both courtmartial and trial by the civil authorities on charges of murder as a result of the killing of two women and 11 children in the destruction by fire of the Ludlow tent colony on April 20, the real interest in the strike situation centers in Denver.

The state legislature convened today with nearly every member present. Before the session opened numerous secret caucuses were held in the big hotels. On every side it is reported that well defined plans to impeach Governor Ammons and probably Lieutenant Governor Fitzgerald have been formulated.

That a resolution to impeach Ammons will be introduced is virtually certain. Whether the house will adopt such a measure is not known.

The report submitted by the military commission, a board created by Governor Ammons himself, finding that the soldiers deliberately set fire to and looted the tents where the women and children were crammed, will be urged as the strongest evidence of Ammons' alleged inability to govern the state.

A body of women, at least 300 of them, will march on the statehouse this afternoon and demand an audience. These women members of the Colorado Woman's Peace league, sent a committee to Ludlow to investigate the situation. This committee has returned with the report that not half of the horrors of what they term the massacre of the women and children has been told.

There are 86 men in Company B who are held responsible by the coroner's jury for the Ludlow tragedy. The district attorney at Trinidad said that he probably would wait before taking any action toward criminal prosecutions until he sees what is to be done toward courtmartialing the men.

Major W. A. Holbrook, in charge of the federal troops in the Trinidad district, let it be known that he has construed Secretary Garrison's proclamation as to the disarming of all persons in the strike zone who are not in the active service of the United States army to include members of the Colorado militia as well as strikers, mine guards and others. Consequently the order is being carried out on that theory.

All of the arms in the district are being collected and given into the hands of the federal troops.

#### MOURNERS STILL ACTIVE

Services For Colorado Dead Held In Street Near 26 Broadway.

New York, May 4.—Upton Sinclair wrote a letter to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., before joining his band of "mourners" in front of the Standard Oil building at 26 Broadway. Maxie Ganz, arrested for an alleged threat to kill Rockefeller, was released on bail. The Rev. Dr. William Miller, Gamble, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Coatesville, N. J., held a service for the Colorado dead in the street near 26 Broadway. In his letter Sinclair expresses confidence that the younger Rockefeller is being used by others who are strong and conscientious.

**Mourners at Rockefeller's Estate.**  
Tarrytown, N. Y., May 4.—The agitators who are making demonstrations against John D. Rockefeller and John D. Jr., came to Tarrytown to begin a series of daily processions up and down the road in front of the entrance to the Rockefeller estate at Pocantico Hills. There were 20 of the marchers who made the journey from New York.